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REMARKS

By this amendment, the Applicants have amended the RELATED APPLICATIONS section of the application to correct an inadvertent error. The fact that application Serial Number 09/054,419 is a continuation-in-part (rather than a continuation) of application Serial Number 08/735,549 is evidenced by the Patent Office records; a copy of the relevant PAIR page is attached hereto.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe all the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of an adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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